

# ALLEY SG Oct 31<sup>st</sup>/Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

**Bible Story:** Soul Server (Servant of All/Jesus Came to Serve) • *Mark 10:32-45*

**Bottom Line:** Serve others because of what Jesus did for us.

**Memory Verse:** “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” *Matthew 5:16, NIV*

**Life App:** Service—lending a hand to help someone else.

*Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time, especially the kids who haven't taken a step of faith or who haven't really heard the Gospel yet. Pray that kids would begin to understand the weight of what Jesus did for us and that it would encourage them to do everything they can to serve others.*

## **First to Last (application activity / review the Bible story)**

**What You Need:** Glow necklaces from Large Group Activity, 2 sets of “Story Cards” Activity Page Per bin, 14 large Solo cups per bin

### **What You Do:**

- Divide the group into two teams.
- For both teams, put each “Story Card” in a cup and set the cups on the floor.
- Standing 5-10 feet from the cups, kids will toss their necklaces around the cups. When they throw a ringer, they can collect the “Story Card” from the cup.
- Once they have collected all the cards, the team must put the cards in the correct sequence of the story.
- When both teams have their “Story Cards” in order, review the story as you check their sequences. Below is an answer key with a sample review discussion for each of the “Story Cards”.

#### **1. Jesus walked with the disciples to Jerusalem.**

What is a disciple? (*Someone who follows a leader and tries to learn all they can from the leader*) What was the goal of Jesus' disciples? (*To live the way Jesus lived*)

#### **2. Jesus told His disciples what would happen to the Son of Man.**

Who is the Son of Man? (*Jesus*) What was going to happen to Jesus, the Son of Man? (*He would be mocked, beaten, spit on and killed, and He would come back to life three days later*)

#### **3. Two brothers started arguing over who was the greatest.**

Who were the two brothers? (*John and James*)

#### **4. Two brothers asked Jesus for a favor.**

What was the favor James and John asked? (*To be seated at Jesus' right and left hand*)

What was so important about sitting on the right and left side of Jesus? (*Only the greatest advisors sat on the right and left side of the king; it was considered to be the seat of honor; James and John wanted to be considered the greatest*)

#### **5. Jesus answered their request.**

Did Jesus say, “Sure, you are the greatest! Sit at my right and left side”? (No) What did Jesus say you had to do to be important, to be considered great? (*Serve others or be a servant; set aside what you want and help others*)

### **6. Jesus serves us.**

How did Jesus serve us? (*He came to earth to live a perfect life and show us how to live for God; He died on the cross and came back to life so we could have a relationship with God now and forever*)

### **7. We serve others because of what Jesus did for us.**

#### **What You Say:**

“The story didn’t end with Jesus dying on the cross and it didn’t end three days later when Jesus came back to life. The story continues with each one of us; every time we lend a hand to help someone else, we are adding a chapter to God’s story. When you **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us**, you are saying to the world, ‘I serve because it is important to Jesus.’ When you **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us**, you are saying to the world, ‘I love Jesus, and I want to show everyone how much Jesus loves them.’

**[Make It Personal]** (*Share about a time you experienced Jesus’ love through someone helping you. Maybe you were sick and someone changed their plans to care for you, or you were lonely and someone stopped by to spend time with you. Maybe your car broke down and someone went out of his or her way to pick you up or drive you somewhere.*)

### **Mimic Me (application activity)**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

#### **What You Do:**

- Pair kids up and instruct each pair to stand about three feet apart, facing each other.
- One kid will move slowly and her partner will mirror her movements. Be sure to remind kids to mirror both movement and facial expressions.
- Switch roles.
- *Another option for larger groups:* Divide the group into two, forming two lines. Each line holds hands and one line moves slowly and the other line mirrors them.

#### **What You Say:**

“It was fun to mirror each others’ actions and facial expressions, but it is important to remember the person we really need to mirror is Jesus. Jesus is the ultimate in demonstrating how to live for God and how to serve and help others. When you try to live like Jesus and you **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us**, you are mirroring Jesus’ love toward others and treating others the way you would want to be treated.”

### **3. Shine Brightly (memory verse activity)**

**What You Need:** “Flashlight Verse Cards” Activity Page, Bibles

#### **What You Do:**

- Hand out Bibles to the kids and look up the memory verse, Matthew 5:16.

**Finding verses with 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders:** Our verse is from Matthew. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (New) So we know it's toward the back of the Bible. It's the first of the four Gospels (*Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*). When they find Matthew, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 5. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to find verse 16 in chapter 5.

- Divide the group into three teams.
- Give each team a set of "Flashlight Verse Cards." Be sure to shuffle the cards before you give them to each team.
- When you say, "GO," teams will race to put the "Flashlight Verse Cards" in the correct order.

### What You Say:

"Let's say our verse together: In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' (Matthew 5:16, NIV) Can anyone tell me what it means to 'let your light shine'? (*Live your life in a way so others can see the reflection of Jesus in your words and actions.*) Yes! Jesus is the Light of the World and we want to reflect His teachings so the world will see how awesome Jesus is. What are some ways you can let your light shine? (*Doing good things, being kind, making wise choices, treating others like you want to be treated, serving others, etc.*) One great way to let your light shine is to **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.**"

### Pray

**What You Need:** mirror (one per bin that is big enough to write some words on), A couple of dry erase markers

### What You Do:

- Remind kids of the Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.** Ask them to list a few examples of what Jesus does for us. (*Forgives us, loves us, helps us, died for us*).
- Pass the mirror around and encourage kids to write something Jesus does for us on the mirror.
- Pass the mirror around again so each child can read it and instruct kids to silently pray, thanking Jesus for all He does for us and asking Him for help to reflect His love to the world by lending a hand to others.

### Pray together

- Pray with kids using the Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.** Thank Jesus for being a great example how to serve. Ask for His help to reflect His love to the world by lending a hand to help someone else.

### PARENT CONNECTION AT PICK UP:

Tell parents this month kids are learning about serving and lending a hand to help others. Encourage kids to share with their parents what it means to let your light shine.